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SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" In calculating the figures given in the answer, may I know whether the influx of refugees from Malaya and Burma has been taken into account? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The refugees have not been taken into account. But I am sure their number is not so large as to make any great variation in the figures."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Is it a fact that the population of this Province is increasing at a greater pace than that at which houses are being built? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is quite possible. We have not got sufficient houses even as it is. With a higher rate of increase, the position will become more acute."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Has food control resulted in birth control? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Birth control depends upon so many factors and certainly food is one of them. I need not go into the other factors now."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think it is generally accepted that food control results in more births."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" In Tanjore district, the death-rate is higher than the birth-rate. May I know what steps the Government have taken to check this trend? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The increased death-rate is due to epidemics like cholera and particularly small-pox. The Government are taking the usual measures for improving public health and for combating epidemics. We do not see what else can be done in the matter."

Communal rotation in the appointments in services.

* 197 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state with reference to answer to unstarred question No. 8 answered on the 13th August 1948—

(*a*) the service or services in respect of which communal rotation is in force in regard to (i) initial recruitment and (ii) promotions;

(*b*) whether the Government are insisting on the observance of communal representation in regard to promotion from non-gazetted rank to gazetted rank in any or all the services; and

(*c*) whether the Government have recently ordered the application of communal representation in regard to appointment of members of the Madras Executive Service (Deputy Collectors)?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to general rule 19 of the Madras Provincial and Subordinate Services which was placed on the table of the House in answer to Legislative Council Question No. 32 on 13th August 1948. General rule 19 (*a*) is known as ' Communal rotation ' rule and general rule 19 (*b*) is known as

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'Communal proportion' rule. A statement[a] is now placed on the table of the House showing the services and posts to which recruitment is made on a communal basis.

"(c) The rule prescribing recruitment to the Madras Civil Service (Executive Branch) on communal basis has been in force for the past more than twenty years."

Payment of dearness allowance to teachers in aided institutions.

*198 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have ordered the managements of aided institutions to pay dearness allowance to teachers employed under them from 1st January 1948;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what steps the Government propose to take against recalcitrant managements; and

(c) whether the Government have offered to assist the managements with special grants if their finances did not permit payment of dearness allowance at the rates fixed?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Education):—"(a) & (b) It is presumed that the hon. Member refers to secondary schools in the question. The Director of Public Instruction has issued instructions to aided school managements to pay the teachers under their employment, dearness allowance at Government rates. With a view to get this done, the Government have instructed the Director of Public Instruction to investigate into the financial position of managements of schools which are not paying the allowance at Government rates and to direct them to pay the allowance at these rates if their financial position will permit.

"(c) The Government are giving special grants to the managements which do not pay dearness allowance at Government rates equal to half the difference between the maximum amount of allowance payable and the amount actually paid by the management subject to the condition that the managements should disburse to the staff the amount of allowance due out of the special grant. This system is extended from year to year."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"May I know whether the system of giving special grants is followed this year?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"Yes."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"The Government information about the number of aided managements which are not yet paying dearness allowance at Government rates in spite of the fact that special grants are given?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON:—"Yes, Sir."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 960–961 infra.